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1. AT REGULARLY SCHEDULED PRESS BRIEFING FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS, MISSION PRESS OFFICER STUART, IN ANSWER PRIOR QUESTIONS ON VC ATTITUDE TOWARD ELECTION, CITED BROADCAST RADIO HANOI-LIBERATION FRONT (FBIS P270445Z) PRAISING MORTARING FIRST LOGISTIC MOTOR POOL TSN AIRPORT AND MINING SHIP BATON ROUGE VICTORY IN SAIGON RIVER CHANNEL AS EVIDENCE VC DETERMINATION TO "FRUSTRATE ELECTION FARCE OF THE AMERICANS AND THE THIEU-KY CLIQUE."

2. MILITARY BRIEFING FILED THROUGH REGULAR MACV CHANNELS.
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1. INVITE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO REVEALING AUGUST 26 VIET-CONG RADIO COMMENTARY ON CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS (FBIS SAIGON S270445). COMMENTARY DWELT ON RECENT VC MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN SAIGON-GIA DINH AREA IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR EFFORT TO "FRUSTRATE ELECTION FARCE".

2. COMMENTARY REVEALED THAT SINCE ISSUANCE OF VC MILITARY COMMAND COMMUNIQUE ON AUGUST 15 (SEE REFTEL), THE FOLLOWING VC ACTIONS WERE LAUNCHED AS WARNING TO GVN "THAT THEY MUST NOT EXPECT TO CARRY OUT...ON U.S. MASTERS' ORDERS, COERCIVE AND FASCIST TRICKS AGAINST THE URBAN PEOPLE WITHOUT BEING PUNISHED:

A. AUGUST 17 VC MORTAR ATTACK ON TAN SON NHUT AIRFIELD,

B. AUGUST 17 VC ATTACK ON U.S./GVN POSITIONS IN SAIGON AREA,

C. VC MACHINEGUN ATTACK ON U.S. MILITARY VEHICLES ON THE STREETS,

D. VC MINE ATTACK ON FREIGHTER "BATON ROUGE VICTORY" IN SAIGON RIVER CHANNEL."

3. FURTHERMORE, COMMENTARY STATED THAT AS ELECTION DAY NEARS, "THE SAIGON-GIA DINH PEOPLE (V.) ARE FIRMLY GRIPPING THEIR MILITARY AND POLITICAL STRUGGLE WEAPONS", IN EFFORT TO "FOIL" ELECTIONS. LODGE
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